Supply of medicine to CGHS Ayurvedic Dispensaries/Hospitals in Delhi and Adjoining areas

66. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only one authorised chemists is deputed for supply of medicines to CGHS Ayurvedic Dispensaries/Hospitals in Delhi and adjoining areas like Gurgaon; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that indented medicines are, not adequately supplied by the chemists;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to issue directions for local purchase of medicines that are not supplied by the authorised chemists against refund to the patients later; and

(d) if so, by when such action is likely to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir. As only one local Chemist had offered the mexium discount on maximum retail price, he had been appointed. The maximum discount offered by this chemist was also offered to other chemists but they did not agree to accept it.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Opening up of Cobalt Therapy unit in Kota, Rajasthan

67. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned/decided to open COBALT Therapy unit in Kota (Rajasthan) during 1994-95;

(b) whether Secretary of the Kota Cancer Society who is running a Cancer clinic was assured by the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, for all Central help in this regard as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 22nd November, 1994; and

(c) if so, whether any assistance from other foreign agencies like UNICEF is also being arranged in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Secretary of Kota Cancer Society requsted the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's office for help in setting up a Cobalt therapy unit in Kota. In reply, the Minister stated that their proposal for setting up a cobalt therapy unit will be duly considered for assistance once it is received from the State Government with their recommendations.

(c) No, Sir.

Health facilities in tribal areas of Orissa

68. SHRI HAGALAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor and inadequate health care facilities in Koraput, Nawrangpur and other tribal districts in Orissa;

(b) whether State Government is not able to provide minimum health cares in the tribal areas due to constraint of resources;

(c) if so, the steps taken to assist the State Government to ensure minimum health care facilities in the tribal areas of Orissa; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) Information is being collected from States and will be laid on the Table of the House.